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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Responsibility for Procurement, Development and
Operation of System X

1. At the DD/R Staff Meeting of 7 August 1962 there was an extended discussion involving Dr. Scoville, [] and the undersigned having to do with the distribution of effort within the DD/R in connection with the imminent procurement and development of System X manufactured by []. The sense of the meeting on this subject was as follows:

a. It was agreed that full responsibility for technical monitoring of the System X contract would fall to the Office of Electronics/DDR. DD/OSA would be concerned only on an information exchange basis with O/EL in this area.

b. Once the funds were transferred from [] to the Agency, OSA would negotiate the contract with [] arrange for necessary security and SI clearances for [] personnel, and conduct liaison with Lockheed for the flight test phase if the U-2 is the ultimate platform for System X.

c. In the event the System goes operational with the U-2, OSA would be further responsible for full support from a materiel standpoint in connection with spare parts and depot support as well as for the conduct of operations with the U-2 employing System X.

d. It was agreed that because of the distinct possibility that the RB-57D would become involved an antenna design for this aircraft should be a part of the scope of work in the procurement contract with []. It is my understanding, subsequent

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to the 7 August meeting, that [] has solicited a proposal from Convair for this portion of the System X development.

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2. It was further agreed that, in the event the [] do not receive approval from [] for the operation of the U-2 System X, major emphasis should thereafter be placed upon adapting the System to the RB-57D. Should this latter occur, the whole System operation would revert to the [] and at that moment the question of continuing contractual and support responsibility for the System would be reviewed again by the DD/R with the probability in mind that the entire package would be transferred []

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